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SUBJECT: MAHATHIR TO HEAD COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE PROGRESS ON NEW
ECONOMIC POLICY

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD CHAIRED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION OF BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON FEBRUARY 25, 1977. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CHIEF MINISTERS OF THE VARIOUS STATES. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO COORDINATE GOM ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY TO AVOID DUPLICATION IN EFFORTS AND TO MORE EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE EXISTING RESOURCES.
2. AT THE MEETING MAHATHIR COMMENTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE WAS DESIGNED SO THAT GOM POLICIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE NEP WOULD BE WELL KNOWN AND THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD ENSURE THAT OPERATIONAL LEVELS OF THE GOM IMPLEMENTED THEM IN A MANNER "... COMPATIBLE WITH THE ORIGINAL AIMS OF THE POLICY-MAKERS". MAHATHIR WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF AGENCIES CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING THE NEP.

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3. COMMENT: THE FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE REFLECTS THE GOM'S CONTINUING CONCERN WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEP AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO THAT TASK. THIS GOM STEP IS SEEN AS A NECESSARY, AND SOMEWHAT BELATED, EFFORT TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC CORPORATIONS THAT HAVE TENDED TO OVERLAP AND COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER IN THEIR PAST

ACTIVITIES. MAHATHIR'S ROLE AS CHAIRMAN, ALONG WITH THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT AND
OTHER ACTIVITIES, PUTS HIM EVEN MORE IN CHARGE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND THE DIRECTION OF THAT
DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY.
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